भरूच जिले में टेलीफोन सेवाओं की असंतोषजनक स्थिति

1684. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात के भरूच जिले के वागरा, जम्मूसर, अंकलेश्वर आदि क्षेत्रों में टेलीफोन सेवाओं की स्थिति असंतोषजनक पायी गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं; और

(ग) इस स्थिति में सुधार करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं। वागरा, जम्मूसर तथा अंकलेश्वर में टेलीफोन सेवाएं संतोषप्रद रूप से कार्य कर रही हैं। तथापि, अंकलेश्वर में, अप्रेल एवं मई 96 में नए इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज (आर०एल०यू०) को चालू करने के लिए बड़े पैमाने पर केबल बिछाने का कार्य किया गया था। इस अवधि के दौरान बाह्य खराबियों (आउटडोर फाल्ट्स) में थोड़ी सी वृद्धि हुई थी।

Production of Raw Jute during Eighth Five Year Plan

1685. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the target of raw jute production during the Eighth five year plan and the actual productioon achieved so far;

(b) the reasons for shortfall; and

(c) the action plan to augment production in the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) 8th plan target for raw jute production fixed at 95 lakh bales for terminal year i.e. 1996-97. Actual production achieved during 8th plan period upto 1995-96 is given below:

Year (July/June)	Production (Lakh bales of 180 Kgs)
1992-93	89.98
1993-94	84.81
1994-95	93.31
1995-96 (Provisional)	78.00

(b) Main reasons for fluctuation in production are weather conditions at showing time, and also comparative profitability of jute and alternative crops.

(c) Steps to augment production include, inter alia, development of improved varieties of seeds and its timely distribution at reasonable rates to farmers, vigorous implementation of centrally sponsored special jute and mesta development programmes by Union Ministry of Agriculture jointly with Agriculture departments of programme various jute growing states improvement of retting system, extension of marketing facilities, etc.

Fake Indian Currency notes in Pakistan

1686. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has counterfeited a large amount of fake Indian currency notes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to counter this assault on the Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Circulation/seizure of fake currency notes has been reported from time to time since 1994 from the bordering districts of Punjab, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, etc. However, it is yet to be established as to whether Pakistan has counterfeited a large amount of fake Indian currency notes.

(c) The State Governments/U.T. Administrations have been instructed to tighten the machinery to tackle the problem of counterfeiting of Indian currency. The RBI issues press releases from time to time to enable the public to distinguish between genuine and fake currency notes. The CBI has created a Special Unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Securi-

ty Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant.

RSS using Talkatora Gardens

1687. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that R.S.S. is using the Talkatora Gardens in Delhi for its activities; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) According to available information the R.S.S. is not using the Talkatora Gardens in Delhi for its activities. However, the R.S.S. was allowed the use of the Talkatora Gardens by the New Delhi Municipal Council on the occasion in the recent past on payment of prescribed charges. This was in connection with a sports and physical competition which was due to be held on 22.6.1996. The competition could not be held due to heavy rains.

Compensation for the People affected by Hirakund DAM Project

1688. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of steps taken to give compensation and rehabilitation facilities to the affected people in the Hirakund Dam Project (Orissa) as on 31st March, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Extention of Sixth Schedule to the Hilly Areas of Manipur

1689. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a proposal from the Government of Manipur for the extension of Sixth Schedule in the hilly areas of the State:

(b) whether Government considered the proposal; and

(c) whether Government have an intention to extend the 73rd Constitution amendment to the scheduled hily areas also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) On 6.5.1995, the Chief Minister of manipur had suggested the setting up of a single Council for all the hill districts of Manipur. However, subsequently, i.e. on 23.5.1995, he suggested that four Autonomous District Councils and two Autonomous Regions should be constituted. He further suggested some amendments to the Sixth Schedule. It was also indicated that a detailed note was being prepared. It would be possible to examine the matter when the said note is received.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Production of Raw Jute

1690. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of raw jute in the country during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(b) the raw jute procurred by Jute Corporation of India Ltd. during these years; and

(c) the action plan of Government to enable Jute Corporation of India to maximise the procurement of Jute?